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H. R. 290

To provide demonstration grants to establish clearing houses for the distribution to community-based organizations of information on prevention of youth violence and crime.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide demonstration grants to establish clearing houses for the distribution to community-based organizations of information on prevention of youth violence and crime.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROJECT AUTHORIZED.**

4 The Assistant Attorney General is authorized to
5 make grants to units of local government, community-
6 based organizations, and consortia of such organizations
7 for the purpose of carrying out a demonstration project
8 to establish information clearing houses for such entities

1 to gather and disseminate information about the preven-
2 tion of youth violence and crime, including information on
3 the broadest possible range of activities aimed at interven-
4 ing in the lives of at-risk youth.

5 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION REQUIRED.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each unit of local government,
7 community-based organization or consortium of such orga-
8 nizations that desires to receive a grant under this Act
9 shall submit an application to the Assistant Attorney Gen-
10 eral. Each such application shall—

11 (1) assure that the information on the preven-
12 tion of youth violence and crime that is collected is
13 made available to any organization that requests
14 such information; and

15 (2) contain such additional assurances as the
16 Assistant Attorney General may reasonably require.

17 (b) APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS; NUMBER OF DEM-
18 ONSTRATION SITES.—In approving applications under
19 this section, the Assistant Attorney shall—

20 (1) ensure an equitable geographic distribution
21 among the regions of the United States and among
22 urban, suburban, and rural areas;

23 (2) ensure, to the extent practicable, that re-
24 cipients coordinate efforts if more than 1 grant is
25 awarded to the same geographic area; and

1 (3) ensure that a grant under this section shall
2 not exceed \$500,000 for any fiscal year and that
3 each recipient receives not less than \$75,000 in any
4 fiscal year.

5 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

6 For purposes of this Act, the following terms have
7 the following meanings:

8 (1) ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.—The
9 term “Assistant Attorney General” means the As-
10 sistant Attorney General who heads the Office of
11 Justice Programs within the Department of Justice.

12 (2) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.—The
13 term “community-based organization” has the same
14 meaning given such term in section 14101(4) of the
15 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
16 (20 U.S.C. 8801(4)).

17 (3) UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term
18 “unit of local government” means a city, county,
19 town, township, parish, village, or other general pur-
20 pose political subdivision of a State.

21 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
23 this part, \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1998 through
24 2002.

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